

**Lewis and Clark County Mental Health Local Advisory Council's
Steering Committee
Public Health Conference Room
1930 Ninth Avenue, Helena, MT
Friday, September 14, 2018, 8:30am**

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Jill Steeley called the meeting to order at 8:35am.

Members in Attendance: Jill Steeley (Chair), Matt Furlong (Vice Chair), John Wilkinson, and Drenda Niemann.

Staff Support in Attendance: Jocelyn Olsen.

II. LAC Membership

Two consumer/family member positions must be filled. Annie Maxiner expressed her interest in becoming a member at the last LAC general meeting. The Steering Committee also believed Jeffery Krott, peer support from Instar that attended the last LAC general meeting, or peer support from Boyd Andrew could fill one of these available positions.

Two school representatives are needed to fill the new positions. Individuals discussed to fill these positions were Abbie Colussi as a post-secondary school representative, Kevin VanNice as the school counselor in East Helena schools, or Catrina as the school Superintendent of County schools. It may also be necessary to reach out to Ron Whitmeyer to suggest a representative from East Helena Public Schools.

One representative from St. Peter's Hospital is needed to fill this vacancy. Sue Noem agreed in the last LAC general meeting that she would fill this position.

ACTION ITEM: Jill will reach out to Ron Whitmeyer to inquire about representatives, email Abbie Colussi to inquire about her schedule and interest to sit on the LAC, and email Amy Tenney at Boyd Andrew if her peer supports are needed. John will email Bob Funk to inquire about his continued position with the LAC. Jocelyn will email the Board application to Jeffery Krott, Annie Maxiner, and all peer support individuals at Instar.

III. Agenda Items for October Meeting

The discussion about meetings occurring in the community regarding the same topic was tabled at the last LAC general meeting and will be on this next agenda.

This agenda will also include reports from all three workgroups as well the new Criminal Justice Services Workgroup. Updates from the SAA, MHOAC, Suicide Prevention, and Law Enforcement groups are necessary. Membership will be discussed. The potential to change the date and time of upcoming LAC general meetings as well as a potential location change will be discussed. Additionally, the November meeting falls on Election Day and will need to be moved.

IV. Workgroup Meeting Times

Workgroup Three was meeting the fourth Tuesday of every month which means the next meeting should be September 25th at 10am. Alison Munson stated at the last LAC general meeting that she would send out calendar invites.

Workgroup One will also meet the fourth Tuesday of each month, but in the afternoon. The next meeting will be September 25th at 2pm, followed by October 23rd, and November 27th.

Workgroup Two has the Man Therapy kick-off at Lewis and Clark Brewery on September 28th. Jess Hegstrom has been leading that group and making great strides.

ACTION ITEM: Jocelyn will reserve a room in the Murray Building and send out calendar invites to all Workgroup One members for the next three meetings.

V. Connect and 2-1-1 Databases

Matt Furlong applied for a mini-grant that would allow for a wallet card outlining suicide prevention steps, or a guide like the one in Gallatin County that provides information regarding direct action to help someone experiencing suicidal ideation as well as information about basic needs. Ultimately, this will be something that helps promote the use of the 2-1-1 system.

The 2-1-1 database must be populated. Workgroup Three will provide some leadership as to how this will be completed. Currently, the vision for completion of this project will include three phases: phase one would be to gather and input information from pertinent service agencies in the community via the forms presented to the LAC previously, phase two would be to enter in generic information about agencies that have not returned a form, phase three would be maintenance and addition of new services.

The Connect Database is active on the internet but has not been made in to an app for cell phones yet.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25am.